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RE:

Reply Comments

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing, as an owner of several community radio stations, to express my concern over an issue presently being reviewed by the Commission, the licensing of new low power radio stations.

I am against the licensing of these stations. They will encroach on the signals of stations currently licensed and that interference will create undue listener problems for the American public.

Our stations provide a great deal of local support to each of the communities where they are located. In Columbia, Kentucky, as an example, our station WAIN led the fund raising effort to help the community rebuild after a devastating tornado. During this Spring's worst snow storms in decades our station WFTG in London, Kentucky became the entire community's source of information. A weather related bulletin board broadcast all the school and places of employment information on an ongoing basis.

We respectfully submit our opinion that community radio is serving the purpose for which it was licensed and that low power stations are redundant and would be intrusive to quality radio service.

Sincerely yours,

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